Mr. T. S. RAJAGOPALA IYENGAR.—Are local fund dispensaries sanctioned on the basis of population or any other principles ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Not always on the basis of population.

Mr. T. S. RAJAGOPALA IYENGAR.—Just as it is proposed to start primary schools in villages with a population of 500 in the Maidan and 300 in the Malnad, would it not be possible to adopt some population basis for purposes of opening new dispensaries ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Population is not always the best basis for starting medical institutions because some villages with the stipulated minimum population may be healthy and may not require a regular dispensary, while some other villages with even less population may be so unhealthy as to really need a dispensary.

Mr. T. S. RAJAGOPALA IYENGAR.—Is it not desirable to have some kind of a basis and plan for the starting of medical institutions ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Some kind of a plan is certainly desirable.

Mr. S. HANUMANTHARAYAPPA.—Are the Government aware that the Tumkur District Board has sent up a resolution recommending the opening of a local fund dispensary at Chandrasekharapura ?

Mr. V. VEDAVYASACHARYA.—As already stated, Government have not received any such resolution.

Mr. S. HANUMANTHARAYAPPA.—If a recommendation is received, will the Government sanction the proposal ?

Mr. V. VEDAVYASACHARYA.—If it is received, Government will consider it.

Mr. K. CHIKKALINGIAH.—In all cases where the District Board agrees to contribute its quota, will Government sanction fresh dispensaries ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—I cannot lay down a general principle in connection with supplementary questions

Mr. A. THIMMAPPA GOWDA.—The Tumkur District Board has agreed to contribute its quota for opening some dispensaries. Are the Government prepared to sanction the opening of these institutions in all the places recommended by the District Board ?

The MINISTER for REVENUE and FINANCE (Rajamantrapravina K. V. Anantaraman).—That is not a supplementary question.

Mr. S. RAMAPPA.—In view of the fact that considerable difficulty is being experienced in getting foreign drugs, is it not desirable to start Ayurvedic and Unani institutions instead of local fund dispensaries wherein only foreign medicines are administered ?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—That question does not arise. I may however remind the member of what I have already stated in my Opening Address, namely, that, as far as possible, encouragement will be given to indigenous systems of medicine.

Municipal High School at Arsikere.

Q.—131. **Mr. SIDDAMALLAPPA** (Arsikere—Rural).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Arsikere Municipality have resolved to start a Municipal High School at Arsikere ;

(*b*) when this resolution was received by the Government ;

(*c*) the decision of the Government on this point ?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, LAW DEPARTMENT (Mr. H. V. Narayana Rao).**—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The resolution has not yet been received by the Government.

(*c*) In view of reply to clause (*b*), this does not arise.

Mr. SIDDAMALLAPPA.—When the resolution is received, will the Government consider it favourably ?

The MINISTER for REVENUE and FINANCE (Rajamantrapravina K. V. Anantaraman). Yes.

Beggar Problem in Bangalore and Mysore Cities.

Q.—136. **Mr. A. N. RAMA RAO.** (Co-operation).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the agitation in the press by the public of

Bangalore and Mysore regarding beggar nuisance ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that several thousands of beggars are to be found in the City of Bangalore alone and that most of them are able-bodied and capable of doing work ?

A —**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, LAW DEPARTMENT (Mr. H. V. Narayana Rao).**—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. The attention of the member is invited to the press note issued by the Publicity Officer on the subject.

Mr. A. N. RAMA RAO.—The Press Note referred to in the answer admits that some urgent action appears to be called for in the matter. Has any action been taken accordingly ?

The MINISTER for LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT and PUBLIC HEALTH (Mr. H. B. Gundappa Gowda).—The question is under consideration.

Mr. A. N. RAMA RAO.—Is there any idea of constituting a committee for the purpose ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—That is part of the question under consideration.

Mr. K. SUBBIAH SETTY.—Are the Government aware that the sooner the problem is solved, the better it will be for the State as a whole ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Yes.

Mr. K. SUBBIAH SETTY.—Is it not a fact that in bus stands, railway stations and other places of public resort, people are pestered by beggars ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Yes.

Mr. K. SUBBIAH SETTY.—Is it not a fact that many of the beggars are suffering from contagious diseases and some of them are given to pick-pocketing also ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—May be.

Mr. K. SUBBIAH SETTY.—What are all the steps taken by the Government so far for solving the problem ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—I have already said that the question is under consideration.

Mr. K. SUBBIAH SETTY.—Have any steps been taken at all ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Yes.

Mr. K. SUBBIAH SETTY.—What are they ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—I cannot now go into such details.

Mr. K. SUBBIAH SETTY.—Are the Government aware that in the Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, special steps have been taken to prevent beggary ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Yes.

Mr. K. SUBBIAH SETTY.—Consequently, have not beggars from the Civil and Military Station migrated to the City and the citizens are thereby experiencing increased nuisance ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Government no doubt are taking action. But that in itself cannot achieve the end in view.

Mr. K. SUBBIAH SETTY.—Why not adopt in the City also all the measures taken by the Civil and Military Station ?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—The Civil and Military Station authorities themselves feel that everything necessary in this matter has not been done. Not much can be done by mere enforcement of rules.

Mr. K. SUBBIAH SETTY.—Have the Government in view the question of starting some asylums for beggars ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—That question also will have to be considered.

Mr. PRESIDENT.—That is why we feel that this is not a problem which is easy of solution. It may be long before anything like a satisfactory solution can be found for it.

Mr. S. VENKATASWAMI GOWDA.—Are the Government aware that there are more beggars in the villages than in the cities ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—No.

Mr. S. VENKATASWAMI GOWDA.—Is it not a fact that nearly 60 per cent of them are in the villages ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Notice.

Mr. S. VENKATASWAMI GOWDA.—If they are convinced that it is so, will they take action to eradicate this evil from the villages ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—It is a hypothetical question.

Mrs. H. S. MADHAVA RAO.—Have any specific suggestions been received from members of the House for solving this problem?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Not so far.

Mr. S. VENKATASWAMI GOWDA.—Was not a representation made some years ago that legislation should be introduced to prevent able-bodied persons from begging?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Notice.

Mr. P. BASAVALINGIAH.—Is it the intention of Government to prevent beggary only in the cities?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—No. But it would be better to start with the cities and slowly extend the activity to other places.

Quinine Supplies to Dispensaries in Kadur District.

Q.—145. **Mr. C. SUBBANNA NAIK** (Koppa—Rural).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the amount of quinine supplied to the dispensaries in Koppa, Mudgere, Narasimharajapura and Sringeri Taluks, Kadur District, for the last four years (yearwar and talukwar);

(*b*) the number of patients that were treated for malaria in the above dispensaries for the last four years (yearwar and talukwar);

(*c*) the least quantity of quinine needed for a malarial patient for complete cure?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. V. Vedavyasacharya).**—

(*a*) and (*b*) Information required is furnished in the statement appended (*Vide* Appendix).

(*c*) The quantity required cannot be assessed.

The amount of quinine required varies according to the age of the patient, the splenic enlargement, the climatic condition of the place where the patient lives and his general condition.

Mr. C. SUBBANNA NAIK.—Do not the figures in the appendix show that whereas the number of patients treated for malaria has increased, the quantity of quinine supplied has decreased?

Mr. V. VEDAVYASACHARYA.—It is not a supplementary question, but a matter of inference.

Mr. C. SUBBANNA NAIK.—Have any reports been received to the effect that the supply has been far short of the requirements?

Mr. V. VEDAVYASACHARYA.—Government have no information, but they will enquire into the matter.

Mr. C. SUBBANNA NAIK.—Will adequate quantities be supplied at least in future?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—The question presumes that adequate supplies are not being made at present. I should therefore say that adequate quantities of quinine are being supplied at present and will continue to be supplied in future.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—Is it a fact that on account of war conditions, quinine is not available in sufficient quantities?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—Yes.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—On that account, will the Government consider the question of making arrangements for getting it manufactured locally?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—The question no doubt raises an important issue, but it cannot be discussed at question time.

Mr. V. VENKATAPPA.—From the figures mentioned in the appendix, is it not clear that the quantity of quinine supplied is on the decrease from year to year?

Mr. V. VEDAVYASACHARYA.—Yes.

Mr. V. VENKATAPPA.—Is it not a fact that at the same time, the number of patients is on the increase?

Mr. V. VEDAVYASACHARYA.—Yes.

Mr. V. VENKATAPPA.—For that reason, is it not necessary to supply larger quantities of quinine to the dispensaries in question?

Mr. V. VEDAVYASACHARYA.—If there are indents for larger supplies, they will